Event Calendar

December 9th - Tuesday 6:30pm Holiday Party and Fundraiser
McNellie’s Restaurant, 409 E 1st St, Tulsa in downtown at 6:30pm

December 13th - LIR Cleanup, see article below

December 20th - Youth Activity, see article below

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A Message from Your President

General Meeting

Annual Holiday Party and Fundraiser

This month’s meeting of the Oklahoma Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Tulsa Fly Fishers will be held Tuesday, December 9th. We will meet at McNellie’s in Tulsa’s Blue Dome District. Doors open at 6:30 with dinner at 7:00.
Hello IFFF,

Hello all and Happy Holidays! First I want to thank everyone who voted me in as your new chapter president of the Tulsa Fly Fishers and the Trout Unlimited Oklahoma Chapter #420. I would like to extend a special thank to David Games and Scott Hood for their confidence in me to continue carrying the torch of leadership that they have both held for the last several years that has helped shape our chapter into what it is today.

I'd like to share a little bit about myself in order to become a little more personable with those of you that I haven't had the chance to become more familiar with over the last few years since I joined the Tulsa Fly Fishers. I was born in Norman Oklahoma in 1975 (Boomer Sooner) and raised the first few years of my life on a farm near Lake Thunderbird where I first began my fishing experiences around age 3. Like many of the fly fisherman I know, I started out fishing with a bait cast rod and reel when I was young. My father had a wooden Old Town canoe that he would take me out on the lake around the banks and coves searching for

Members at last year's event

Come and enjoy this special evening with other TU/TFF members. Guests are welcome.

Enjoy a great time, savory food and help raise some money for Trout Unlimited, Tulsa Fly Fishers and Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing. Tickets are $25 per person with a full cash bar.

Dinner menu:
Full salad bar

Choice of -

- Grilled Pork Loin in a rich brown or bourbon peppercorn sauce accompanied by roasted new potatoes and seasonal vegetables.
- Tilapia with mango salsa. Served with wild rice pilaf and green beans.

Desert tray featuring homemade brownies, carrot cake and Bailey's Irish Cream cheesecake.

PHWFF is offering fly tying grab bags as a fund raiser this year. A $10 bag has $20 worth of stuff hidden inside; $25 will get you $50 and $50 - a $100 worth of materials. Such a deal and a great cause ...
bass or whatever might happen to bite our hook. I didn't know it at the time, but my fishing trips with my father had little to do with actually catching fish and more to do with spending time bonding with his son and bestowing his "infinite wisdom" upon me.

It wasn't until my father moved to Lakeview, Arkansas around ten years ago that I picked up a fly rod for the very first time. He had an old South Bend Black Beauty fly rod and a White River reel with Cortland 444 fly line in the peach color on it. At the time I didn't even own a pair of waders or boots to get into the water with but I was bound and determined to catch a fish. I only had a handful of flies to tie on at the time so I tied on one that was tan and looked like it was in the shape of a hairy pyramid. I later in my fly fishing knowledge would come to know this fly as an Elk Hair Caddis. I could wade out into the water below Bull Shoals Dam for about 5 minutes at a time before my feet and legs felt like pins and needles were stabbing them. I was able to figure out a basic overhand cast after reading my first Lefty Kreh book. It took me about 30 minutes of making terrible cast before a trout, who I am convinced just felt sorry for me, finally took my fly off the surface with one sip. Of course not knowing how to set a fly, I yanked that rod back hard out of pure excitement and pulled the fly right out of his mouth. It only took a few more cast and a lesson learned from the first fish that I successfully landed my first monster rainbow of about 8 inches!

Since the very first time I picked up a fly rod, I haven't put it down or gone back to a bait cast rod, it would just feel unnatural to me. Shortly after joining the Tulsa Fly Fishers and hearing board members like David and Scott speak about the issues that we were facing as anglers and everything that our chapter was involved in to help improve our

Gift exchange - not required, but a lot of fun. Bring a gift valued at $20 or less. There will be a special table set up for this. Leave your gift at the table and get a raffle ticket. At the end of the evening the tickets will be drawn to determine who has first, second, third ... an last choice.

Please RSVP now to pat@cimtel.net to let him know how many are coming.

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There are now 385 members on Facebook and growing. An easy way to find someone to go fishing with, brag about your success, or just keep up with what's going on. Here's a quick link.

Did You Know?

By: Mike Suman

Fred Kirk won second place with this photo in the 2014 contest sponsored by IFFF. Congratulations Fred!
local waters, I knew that I was ready to become involved on a more significant level with the chapter. At the beginning of a meeting one night, David had mentioned that there was an opening for the position of an Outings Coordinator on the board and anyone interested could contact him. What a great job. I get to pick where the club goes on fishing trips and plan them out? That sounded like the perfect job to get my feet wet (no pun intended). So David and Scott took me under their wing and helped groom me along the way to take a shot at becoming the president of the chapter one day. With people like Scott Hood, David Games, Pat Daly and the rest of the board members that we have assembled to help lead the chapter into the coming years, I feel that the chapter is in very good hands to continue the growth we have seen in membership, the education we have received from our guest speakers on fly fishing tactics and conservation and the continued growth in our fellowship with each other as members of the Tulsa Fly Fishers and Trout Unlimited Oklahoma Chapter 420.

John Sellars

**LIR Cleanup**

This crew accomplished a lot last spring.

**PHWFF OK**

We will begin again next year on January 6th with our rod building classes here at the Graves Boy Scout Reservation.

We will be building 8wt rods that were donated by the Orvis Company.
Meet at the upper dam parking lot at 9:00. The 89'er chapter from OKC will provide the trash bags. They are also feeding all the workers. Lunch is homemade chili and drinks - be at the Watts property at noon or you may go hungry.

Maybe we can find another collectible.

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**Elections**

Election of officers and board members was held on November 13th. The following were elected.

**Officers:**
President.................John Sellars
Vice President.........Pat Daly
Treasurer...............David Games
Secretary...............David Wilson

**Board members elected to serve to 2016 :**
Scott Hood, George
Margalski, Mike Shuman, Chris
Gorman, David Games, Terrie Blackburn,
and Phil Curtis

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I want to thank everyone that has participated or volunteered with Project Healing Waters this year.

Chris Gorman

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**Youth Activity**

Ryan Henry, Youth Activity Coordinator has set December 20th at Veterans park in Jenks at 9am as the first activity for kids.

It will include a short casting lesson followed by fishing for ~1 hour during which he and Chris Gorman will be available to help. Anyone who wants to volunteer to come help please let us know by clicking on this link.

This is the first event and honestly am not sure what else people think should be included. I chose an hour as the length since I know most kids have short attention spans. Suggestions are welcomed.
Conservation Committee

At the last meeting the Board of Directors approved the formation of a new committee to follow and act on legislation and other matters that have a direct impact on our Oklahoma clean waters and fishing. We plan to work with like-minded groups.

Pat Daly agreed to head this effort and is looking for some help with this effort. Click on his name to send an email.

Mark Your Calendar
for these coming events

- Jan 8 - General Meeting - Bob Camella, Jr. discusses Fly Fishing Yellowstone
- Feb 12 - General Meeting - Dave & Emily Whitlock present "How to Catch More Fish"
- Mar 14 - General Meeting - Fly Tying Round Table
- Mar 16 - Swap Meet on Saturday from 9 until noon; location TBD

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